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## PARTY WELFARE MAIN TOPIC AT MEETING OF DEMOCRATS IN CITY OF SANTA FE

Unexpectedly Large Attendance Indicates Realization by Chieftains of Unterrified That Their Great Opportunity Has Been Created by the Failure of the Republican Legislature to Meet the Requirements of the People; Members asked to Air Grievances.

### J. H. CRIST PRONOUNCES M'DONALD STATE'S BEST GOVERNOR, BUT WORST PARTY LEADER, IN HISTORY

Strong Plea Made to All to Get Together for Benefit of Jeffersonian Faction and Community in Which Each Lives; Differences Disappear Before Heart-to-Heart Talk; Nineteen Counties Represented When Chairman J. H. Paxton Calls Session to Order.

(State Capital Bureau of Evening Herald (51 De Vargas Hotel, Santa Fe, N. M., Feb. 12.)—The welfare of the Democratic party, its present great opportunity, and the means for taking best advantage of that opportunity in the interest of party success and the best interests of the state formed in a general way the subject and the object of the special meeting of the Democratic state committee which convened in the supreme court chamber in the capitol this morning at 10 o'clock and which at 4 o'clock is still in full swing.

The meeting had been called by State Chairman J. H. Paxton as a special committee session for the discussion of party welfare and progress and included an invitation to Democrats everywhere to attend and participate. The response was a surprise to everyone concerned. It had been expected that a quorum of the committee might be expected and that due to the presence of many Democrats here on legislative matters a considerable outside attendance might be looked for. Instead of that kind of a meeting 19 of the 26 counties were represented by their committeemen while the attendance of other than committee members included a large majority of the active leadership of the state.

There was present before the meeting a feeling that the gathering here today will have far-reaching consequences upon the future of the party and the state that the failure of the Republican legislature to take advantage of its great opportunity for efficient public service had more than overcome the influence of the Democratic defeat suffered last November and that with united, vigorous effort the party could now prepare to assume complete control of the state government in 1916. It was generally recognized that there were differences among members of the state committee and among leaders in some of the counties which would have to be adjusted to the end of completed the harmonious effort, and the committeemen went into the session determined to do the ironing out process now while, as one member of the committee put it, "the ironing is good."

As a step in this direction Chairman Paxton, in calling the meeting to order, announced that upon the roll call of counties each county representative would be invited to state

### BRITISH AIR RAID AND RETIREMENT OF RUSSIA ARE WAR FEATURES

Attention Abroad Centered on England's Fulfillment of Her Promise to Shell Teuton Submarine Bases.

#### EAST PRUSSIAN GAINS ACCLAIMED IN BERLIN

Kaiser's Capital Is Decorated With Flags While Petrograd Announces a Deliberate Re-disposition of Troops.

London, Feb. 12 (12:47 p. m.)—The retirement of the Russian forces in East Prussia and the great British air raid on the coast of Belgium appear today as the biggest factors in the military situation. On the other hand the diplomatic field would seem to be dominated by the American notes to Great Britain and Germany, especially to Germany, where the newspapers and the public, according to news dispatches reaching here from Berlin, are insisting in spite of Washington's protest, and in spite of possible consequences, that the German submarine policy must be pursued relentlessly.

Then J. H. Crist, the veteran Rio Arriba county leader, now a resident of Santa Fe, launched a terrific attack upon the political generalship of Governor McDonald, which he declared bluntly was, in his opinion, atrocious.

For honesty, for efficiency and for result-getting business management Mr. Crist declared Governor McDonald to be the best governor this state has ever had. From a standpoint of political management and the promotion of party harmony he asserted that the governor was a failure.

It was just as Mr. Crist had completed this assertion that Governor McDonald entered the room. For an instant the situation was dramatic. As the governor advanced down the room Mr. Crist said he wished the governor might have been there to hear his remarks. The governor promptly motioned him to repeat them, which Mr. Crist did in some detail. The Crist statement was a definite and comprehensive outline of all the criticism which had been directed at Governor McDonald by a number of party leaders who hold that the executive has not given enough thought to party organization, harmony and solidarity. But the harshness of Mr. Crist's expressions in this regard were considerably more than offset in the minds of his audience by the high tribute he paid to the business efficiency and integrity of the administration which Governor McDonald had given to the state.

The fact that a British air raid in such force as was shown in the aerial expedition of yesterday has been carried out successfully over the German positions in Belgium is taken in London to indicate that such aerial activity against German submarine bases, promised at the time when the German policy of blockade was announced, is to be continued.

A adjournment for luncheon was taken when Mr. Crist finished speaking and with this section of the available grievances fully aired the session following lunch opened with a perceptibly more harmonious feeling.

Mr. Crist resumed his statement with a plea, not only to Governor McDonald but to individual Democratic leaders and to party men in general, to get together in order to embrace the party's opportunity. This led to a general discussion of conditions which promised to last late into the afternoon. Definite plans for careful and effective organization are to be presented to the committee.

#### TODAY IN CONGRESS

##### SENATE.

Met at noon.

Democrats conferred on the ship bill and cloture proposals, but took no action.

##### HOUSE.

Met at 11 a. m.

Debate was continued on the sundry civil appropriation bill.

Representative Stephens of California introduced a substitute bill.

Leaders prepared for a caucus on the administration ship bill.

#### MIKE PRENDERGAST SIGNS WITH CHIFEDS

Chicago, Feb. 12.—Mike Prendergast, the pitcher who has been "holding out" for a greater salary increase than offered him, today agreed to terms and signed another contract with the Chicago Federals.

ing in the direction of Racioc.

"On the left bank of the Vista there is nothing of importance to report."

#### GERMANS BOMBARD DUNES AND NIEUPORT VIOLENTLY

Paris, Feb. 12, (2:46 p. m.)—The French war office this afternoon issued a report on the progress of the fighting which says:

"From the sea to the Lys the Germans yesterday bombarded violently Newport and the country of the dunes. Their artillery fired on Ypres during the night of February 11-12 and on our positions to the east of Ypres during the day of February 12. Our artillery replied to this fire effectively.

"On the extreme western front artillery ammunition was found which doubtless originated in American factories.

"In the eastern theater of the war on both sides of the East Prussian frontier, our operations are everywhere progressing successfully. Whether the enemy attempts to resist us his position is quickly broken.

"In Poland, on the right bank of the Vistula our attacking troops crossed the lower Skawa and are proceed-

### Bark Andromeda Is Wrecked at Falmouth With Cargo of Wheat

Seattle, Wash., Feb. 13.—A dispatch to the Merchants' exchange says that the British bark Andromeda, with wheat from Tacoma for the United Kingdom, was blown ashore and wrecked at Falmouth, England, yesterday. The vessel and her cargo are a total loss. The wheat was valued at \$175,000.

### FILIBUSTER BREAKS OUT IN SENATE AS HOUSE REFRAMES SHIPPING BILL

Gore Attempts to Have Commerce Committee Discharged from Considering His Substitute for Original Act.

#### UPPER HOUSE DEMOCRATS CONFER ON CLOTURE RULE

Arrangements Made for Caucus of Democratic Representatives Monday Night to Get Support for Draft.

Washington, Feb. 13.—While the administration Democrats were rearming the ship bill for a new drive in the house the Republican filibuster blossomed out anew today in the senate. Senator Gore tried to have the commerce committee discharged from considering his substitute, which is to be used as one of the bases of compromise.

Senator Burton took the floor for a speech that promised to last all day and it was apparent that the Republican opposition was prepared to hold its line firm until the administration compromise took a thoroughly definite form. Senator Weeks, author of the bill which is also a part of the compromise, predicted it could not be accepted in the senate with the amendments proposed by the administration in the house.

Senator Burton presented two resolutions, one calling on the treasury department for information of whether there are any negotiations, even of a preliminary character to buy any German ships now laid up in American ports; and another proposing that a committee of senators investigate along the same line of consideration of both went over without action.

Senate Democrats today held a conference to consider whether to continue the fight for a cloture rule or to abandon this phase of the contest and return to a direct effort to pass the administration ship purchase bill. In the meantime administration leaders in the house were drafting a compromise shipping bill in accordance with plans approved by the president.

Chairman Padgett of the naval committee prepared a special rule for consideration of the administration proposal and arrangements were made for a caucus of house Democrats Monday night to bind the majority to support it.

The rule would discharge the committee from further consideration of the Weeks' naval bill with the Gore bill and other amendments as outlined by the administration, cut off all other amendments and allow six hours of general debate, so the entire measure could be put through the house in a single session. It was expected the plan would bring the ship bill before the house Thursday or Friday.

When Representative Padgett introduced the resolution for the special rule, it was referred to the rules committee, which probably will not take it up until after it has been considered by a Democratic caucus.

Lusitania Sails Under English Flag Today

Liverpool, Feb. 13 (4:44 p. m.)—The Cunard line steamer Lusitania, the vessel which flew the American flag across the Irish sea on her last trip in, as a measure of protection against German submarines, sailed from Liverpool for New York at her usual hour today under the British flag. Whether or not this emblem will still be flying when the Lusitania reaches the Irish sea was a question to which the keenly interested passengers found it impossible to obtain an answer.

The Lusitania carried a large number of passengers, including many Americans. Prospective American passengers to the number of 299, however, cancelled their bookings on the Lusitania at the last moment and took the American line steamer St. Paul, which also sailed for New York today. The St. Paul had the largest passenger list since the rush of this set each county officer shall ride with the board of county commis-

### THREE DEMOCRATS VOTE FOR HOUSE SALARY BILL AS AMENDED

Senate Reduces Salaries and Trims Off One Classification, But Hinkle, Aldredge and Doepp Favor Act.

#### SUBSTANTIAL SAVINGS MADE IN NEW DRAFT

Best Solution Yet Found for Refunding Over Surplus Allowances Embodied in Measure as Rewritten.

(State Capital Bureau of Evening Herald, (51 De Vargas Hotel, Santa Fe, N. M., Feb. 13)—By a vote of 18 to 6 the senate this morning passed House Bill No. 219, the house caucus salary bill, as amended by the senate. The bill as now amended, and which will go to a conference before a final settlement can be reached, is a sharp reduction over the measure as it passed the house, there being a total saving over the house bill of \$44,500 a year. The number of classifications is reduced from six to five; reductions are made in the first, second, third and fourth class counties to below the original Holt six-classification bill, while the salaries in what were the fifth and sixth classes in the house bill are increased.

It was upon these changes that party lines broke down in the senate upon the vote. Messrs. Aldredge, Doepp and Hinkle, Democrats, voted for the amended bill, upon the grounds that it was the most reasonable bill which had been presented, that the question demands settlement and that no more reasonable bill could be expected at this session. Messrs. Burns of Rio Arriba county and Miera of Sandoval county voted against the bill upon the ground that it makes too great an increase in salaries in their respective counties. Upon this same opposition trouble in reaching an agreement with the house may be encountered.

The classifications and salaries under the amended bill are as follows:

First Class.

Commissioners, \$300 each. Probate judge, \$300. School superintendent, \$2,500. Surveyor, \$10 a day for a maximum of 150 days.

Second Class.

Commissioners, \$200 each. Treasurer, \$2,100, with \$1,000 for deputies. Assessor, \$2,000, with \$1,000 for deputies. Sheriff, \$2,500, with \$1,500 for deputies. Clerk, \$2,000, with \$1,000 for deputies.

Probate judge, \$800. School superintendent, \$1,500. Surveyor, \$10 a day for a maximum of 150 days.

Third Class.

Commissioners, \$100 each. Treasurer, \$2,200. Assessor, \$2,200. Sheriff, \$2,200, with \$800 for deputies. Clerk, \$2,200. Probate judge, \$400. School superintendent, \$1,500. Surveyor, \$10 a day for a maximum of 75 days.

Fourth Class.

Commissioners, \$100 each. Treasurer, \$1,600. Assessor, \$1,600. Sheriff, \$1,600, with \$700 for deputies. Clerk, \$1,600. Probate judge, \$200. School superintendent, \$1,500. Surveyor, \$10 a day for a maximum of 75 days.

Fifth Class.

Commissioners, \$250 each. Treasurer, \$1,200. Assessor, \$1,200. Sheriff, \$1,200, with \$500 for deputies. Clerk, \$1,200. Probate judge, \$200. School superintendent, \$1,200. Surveyor, \$10 a day for a maximum of 50 days.

The classifications of the counties are as follows:

First class, over \$14,000,000 assessed valuation.

Second class, over \$8,250,000 and under \$14,000,000.

Third class, over \$6,500,000 and under \$8,250,000.

Fourth class, over \$4,750,000 and under \$6,500,000.

Fifth class, alt. under \$4,750,000.

In addition to the above changes section 9 of the senate bill relative to the accounting for funds in excess of the salaries fixed and the refunding of the same reads: "Within 90 days from the date of the passage of this act each county officer shall ride with the board of county commis-

### SPAIN INVITES POWERS TO TAKE JOINT ACTION ON MEXICAN SITUATION

State of Anarchy Now Declared to Exist in Castilian Monarchical Manifesto; Jose Caro, Minister to Mexico, an Unwilling Refugee on American Cruiser Delaware in Vera Cruz Harbor, Whose Captain Offers Refuge on Instructions from Washington.

### EXPULSION OF DIPLOMAT CREATES PROFOUND SENSATION IN MADRID WHERE FEELING IS HIGH

Representative of Alfonso Will Sail February 16 on Spanish Liner; Urrutia Denounces Ousted Envoy as Person With No Standing Who Was in Fact Guilty of Shielding Man Accused by Government of Serious Crime Whose Nature Is Not Specified.

London, Feb. 13, (7:10 p. m.)—The Spanish government has made application to the powers in order to obtain joint action to end what is termed a state of anarchy in Mexico, according to a dispatch from Madrid to the Exchange Telegraph company.

Madrid, (Via Paris, Feb. 13, 4 a. m.)—The expulsion from Mexico of Angel Del Caso, a Spanish resident of Mexico, had been closely identified in politics with General Villa, at one time having served as his secretary and that after Villa's retirement from Madrid to the Exchange Telegraph company.

In this statement Urrutia reiterated that Angel Del Caso, a Spanish resident of Mexico, had been closely identified in politics with General Villa, at one time having served as his secretary and that after Villa's retirement from Madrid to the Exchange Telegraph company.

The expulsion from Mexico City of Angel Del Caso was ordered and the accused was given refuge in the Spanish legation by Caro, who in the meantime had arrived in Mexico. General Carranza ordered him to leave the country.

Caro protested, Senior Urrutia asserts in his statement, on the ground that as a duly appointed minister his legislation enjoyed the right of extra territoriality; at the same time he claimed the inviolability of his person.

The Mexican foreign minister, continuing, declares that Caro had no official standing for the reason that he had not presented his credentials. Furthermore it was impossible for him to do this, in so much as he had been sent to a government which had not been recognized by his government and there was no one to whom he might present the letters of recall of his predecessor, Senior Colegan. Urrutia alleges also in his statement that Caro was lacking in respect because he objected to the searching of his house and in that failed to answer messages sent him by the Mexican authorities.

Speaking of his statement on the subject of Caro, the Mexican foreign minister said that Carranza might have insisted upon the search of the house, but he contented himself with the expulsion of Caro.

### Bernstorff Says Reprisals are Necessary

Retaliation for British Attempts to Starve Germany Into Submission Natural and To-be-expected Result.

Washington, Feb. 12.—Count Bernstorff, the German ambassador, discussed with Secretary Bryan today the case of the American steamer Wilhelmmina, whose cargo of foodstuffs destined to civilians in Germany is held by British authorities at Falmouth. The ambassador reiterated, it was learned, that the attempt which he declared Great Britain was making to starve the civilian population of his country by preventing the foodstuffs from entering Germany would have to be met in retaliation by Germany's attempt to cut off commerce with the British Isles.

In that connection the ambassador asserted on behalf of his government that binding assurances would be given by Germany that none of the foodstuffs imported would be used by the army or for other military purposes, and felt such assurances should be accepted by this government and failed to accept himself as the basis in considering the Wilhelmmina case.

Counsel General Canfield also was instructed by Washington to extend having received from his government instructions to join General Carranza here at Vera Cruz. He requested the local authorities to show the Spanish minister such considerations as was possible. Accompanied by the Spanish consul here, Mr. Canada met Senior Caro and the members of his staff when they arrived last night. The minister was told that he might avail himself of the invitation to go aboard the American battleship at once if he so desired, but instead he chose to accept quarters for the night on board the Spanish merchant ship Reina Maria Christina, which had docked here due to sail February 15. Today Captain Rogers accompanied by Mr. Canada called Minister Caro and renewed the invitation to come on board the Delaware. The minister finally accepted for himself and his staff. They expect to remain on the Delaware until they leave Mexico next Tuesday on the Reina